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All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Kar Nut Products -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. The Kar Nut Products Company announced today a voluntary recall of *Kar's* and *Second Nature* products containing pistachio nuts. The recalled products are sold in retail stores nationwide. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Kar Nut Products Conducts Nationwide Recall of Pistachio Products Because of Possible Risk to Health

Contact:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- MADISON HEIGHTS, MI (April 1, 2009) – The Kar Nut Products Company announced today a voluntary recall of *Kar's* and *Second Nature* products containing pistachio nuts that may have the potential to be contaminated with the *Salmonella* organism. This possible contamination is not connected with the recent outbreak associated with peanuts or peanut butter.

The company is recalling all its products containing pistachios supplied by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. after September 1, 2008. Setton Pistachio issued a recall late in the day on 03/30/09.

There have been no cases of *Salmonellosis* reported to date in connection with these products and the company is issuing this recall as a precautionary measure.

This recall covers only *Kar's* and *Second Nature* products that contain pistachios. No other *Kar's* or *Second Nature* products are affected by this recall.



The recalled products are sold in retail stores nationwide.

Products	Size	UPC Code	Best By Dates
Kar's Pistachios	1.5 oz. bag	77034 01229	10 09 09 to 03 16 10
Kar's Pistachios	2.25 oz. bag	77034 01331	12 11 09 to 03 23 10
Kar's Pistachios	2.5 oz. bag	77034 01330	10 19 09 to 12 10 09
Kar's Pistachios	4.0 oz. bag	77034 01476	12 08 09 to 03 18 10
Kar's Pistachios	4.0 oz. bag	77034 01859	02 18 10 only
Kar's Pistachios	5.0 oz. bag	77034 00467	0 08 09 to 03 17 10
Kar's Pistachios	8.0 oz. bag	77034 01642	10 21 09 to 03 24 10
Kar's Pistachios	8.0 oz. bag	77034 01836	10 13 09 to 12 15 09
Kar's Pistachios	10.0 oz. bag	77034 00641	10 08 09 to 10 22 09
Kar's Pistachios	12.0 oz. bag	77034 08553	11 22 09 only
Kar's Pistachios	4 lb bag	77034 08584	12 04 09 only
Kar's Pistachios	7 lb barrel	77034 08582	11 19 09 to 12 15 09
Second Nature California Medley	6 oz. bag	77034 01103	01 12 10 to 03 18 10
Second Nature Sensible Sweetness	6 oz. bag	77034 01105	01 19 10 to 03 18 10

Consumers can find the "best by" date on the front of the package. Consumers with any of the product being recalled should either discard or return the product to the place of purchase for an exchange or refund.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers can contact the company at 1-800-527-6887 M- F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT with any questions.

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